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# 1983 Amendments to the Program of Studies for Elementary Schools

- i) Insert Page (ix)-(x)
- ii) Replace Social Studies D.1
- iii) Replace French D.1 (1979)

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### V. COMMUNICATION AND CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

The notion of basic skills is widely held by educators. Of the many learning skills usually included in this category, none are of greater importance than those which make up communication and critical thinking.

The communication skills and critical thinking skills are shared by all subject areas. They are common strands holding the various subjects together, although they are not always called by the same names. The chart on page (x)

illustrates the different ways in which these two important 1970 learning outcomes are covered in four subjects.

The importance of these two areas of skill development is so great that they have been included as expected learning outcomes for all subjects. Teachers are expected to take appropriate steps in planning instruction to ensure that students do acquire these vital skills.

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# RELATING COMMUNICATION AND CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS TO THE FOUR CORE ACADEMIC CURRICULA

Categories of Skills	Mathematics (Problem-solving)	Science (Scientific Inquiry)	Social Studies (Social Inquiry and Participation Skills)	Language Arts
Receiving Skills	Communicating - receiving of mathematical data	Observing - obtaining information using the five senses	Interpret ideas and feelings of self and others (Participation Skills)	Listening and viewing Reading and viewing
Thinking Skills	1. Understand the problems	Initiation - identifying and defining problem; hypothesizing; designing collection data	<ol> <li>Identify and focus on the issue</li> <li>Formulate research questions</li> </ol>	Recognize and identify; recall; understand
	2. Develop a plan for attacking the problem	Collection of data     Processing Data - classifying;     measuring; interpreting	<ol> <li>Gather and organize data</li> <li>Analyze and evaluate data</li> </ol>	Select appropriate materials; locate information; interpret information Analyze communication; infer relationships
		4. Conceptual of Data - developing a "mental model"; predicting; controlling variables	<ul><li>5. Synthesize data</li><li>6. Resolve the issue</li></ul>	Make generalizations; synthesize  Draw conclusions; predict out-
	3. Carry out devised plan	5. Openendness - experimenting; applying knowledge; seeking further evidence; identifying new	7. Apply the decision	Evaluate; form judgments
	4. Verify (looking back)	problems for investigation	8. Evaluate the decision, the process and the action; begin inquiry anew	
Expressing Skills	Communicating - expressing results	Communicating - describing objects, situations or events	Communicate effectively (Participation Skills)	Speaking Writing

Other subject disciplines are not included in this chart because they are under revision and review.

### D. LEARNING RESOURCES

### 1. Definitions

- 1.1 In terms of provincial policy, learning resources are those print, nonprint and electronic courseware materials used by teachers or students to facilitate teaching and learning.
- 1.2 Prescribed Learning Resources are those learning resources approved by the Minister as being most appropriate for meeting the majority of goals and objectives for courses, or substantial components of courses, outlined in provincial Programs of Studies.
- 1.3 Recommended Learning Resources are those learning resources approved by Alberta Education because they complement Prescribed Learning Resources by making an important contribution to the attainment of one or more of the major goals of courses outlined in the provincial Programs of Studies.
- 1.4 **Supplementary Learning Resources** are those additional learning resources identified by teachers, school boards or Alberta Education to support courses outlined in the provincial Programs of Studies by reinforcing or enriching the learning experience.

### 2. Prescribed Learning Resources

Three to ten print and/or nonprint resources have been prescribed for social studies instruction at each grade level.

The prescribed resources are those resources that Alberta Education has assessed as the best presently available for achieving the objectives of grade level social studies programs. These resources are listed in the documents below and are available for purchase at a 40% discount at the Alberta School Book Branch:

- Alberta School Book Branch Catalogue
- Social Studies Learning Resources for Elementary Schools
- Social Studies Learning Resources for Secondary Schools

Resources, once prescribed, retain this status for a minimum of three years.

Resources that are prescribed for use with the Alberta Social Studies Curriculum are as follows:

Grade & Topic	Title	Publisher
1A	The Discovery Books Series:  You Are Special  Growing Always Seems to Be Up  Helping Makes Me Happy  The Mad Book  The Sad Book  Do You Ever Get Scared?	Edu-Media
1A	Connections in Social Studies Series  Can You Tell It's Me? (6 books in series)	Globe/Modern Curriculum Press
1B	Connections in Social Studies Series:  Can You Tell We Are a Family?  (6 books in series)	Globe/Modern Curriculum Press
1B	The Discovery Books Series:  What Mothers Do  What Fathers Do	Edu-Media
1B	My Family and Me (Kit)	Encyclopedia Britannica Corporation
1C	The Discovery Books Series:  Sun Neen, the Best Time of the Year  Hanukkah, the Festival of the Lights	Edu-Media
2A	The Discovery Books Series:  On the Safe Side  My Police Friends  My Health Friends	Edu-Media
2A	Basic Concepts in Social Studies (Kit) (Alberta Version)	Learning Corporation of America
2A/B	Connections in Social Studies Series:  Can You Tell Where I Live?  (4 books in series)	Globe/Modern Curriculum Press  Social Studies D. J.
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2A/B	World of Me Activity Print I Activity Print II	McGraw-Hill Ryerson
2B	The Discovery Books Series:  A Workday in the City  A Farmer is a Friend	Edu-Media
2C	Camel Herders of the North African Desert	G.L.C. Publishers Ltd.
2C	Worldview (Kit) (Alberta Edition)	Scholastic Book Services
3A	Cities are for People	Oxford University Press
4	At present there are no prescribed resources for grade 4.	
5A	Growth of a Nation Series:  Life of the Loyalists  The Fur Trade  Life in Acadia  Northwest Mounted Police  Growth of a Nation Study Prints	Fitzhenry and Whiteside
5A	Settling the West (Kit)	Canadian Social Sciences Services
5A	Canada: Growth of a Nation	Fitzhenry and Whiteside
5B	Canada (Kit)	National Geographic Society
5B	Canada: This Land of Ours	Ginn and Company
5C	Canada's Nearest Neighbor: The United States	Ginn and Company
5C	Neighbours: The United States and Canada	Globe/Modern Curriculum Press
6A	People of the Past Series:  The Aztecs	G.L.C. Publishers Ltd.
6A	Modern Knowledge Library Series:  Ancient Greece The Incas	Warwick Press
6A	Exploring Civilizations, A Discovery Approach	Globe/Modern Curriculum Press
6B	People in Change Series:  South Asia	Addison-Wesley Canada Limited
6B	Living in China	Book Society of Canada Ltd.
6C	Here's How It Happens, How Governments Work in Canada	Gage Educational Publishing
6C	Working Together (Old edition)	Alberta Education
6C	Working for Canadians (New edition to replace Working Together).	Prentice-Hall Media
6C	The Structure of Government (Kit)	Prentice-Hall Media

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### 2. Prescribed Resources

The following learning resources have been prescribed for the elementary French program (Grades 4, 5 and 6):

\*Deplantie, Raymond. *J'écoute, Je parle*. Agincourt, Ont.: Gage Educational Publishing Ltd., 1971. Level 1.

Bick, Catherine et al. *Répondez s'il vous plaît*. Toronto: Copp Clark Publishing, 1975. Levels 1, 2 and 3.

Nemni, Monique and Doris Kerr. *Bonjour Canada!* Toronto: Prentice-Hall, 1979. Ensemble 1, 2 and 3.

### Grade 4

Bonjour Canada!
Ensemble 1: Autour de moi

Teacher's Manual Student Text Exercise Book Tapes or Cassettes *J'écoute, Je parle* Level 1 Teacher's Manual Pupil's Book Flash Cards Posters

Répondez s'il vous plaît

Level 1: Allons-y

Kit Student Kit

Grade 5

Bonjour Canada!

Ensemble 2: Parlons chiffres Ensemble 3: A vos marques Teacher's Manual Student Texts Exercise Book Tapes or Cassettes

J'écoute, Je parle Level 2 Teacher's Manual Pupil's Book Flash Cards Posters

Répondez s'il vous plaît

Kit Student Texts

Level 2

Grade 6

Bonjour Canada!

Ensemble 3: A vos marques

Teacher's Manual Student Text

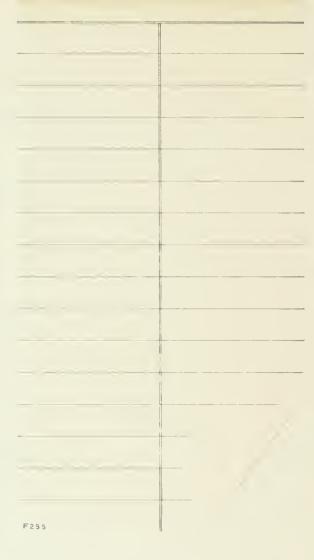
Exercise Book Tapes or Cassettes

All of the above publications are available from the:

School Book Branch 10410 - 121 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5N 1L2

\*This series is being delisted and will be phased out by 1985.

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